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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
John Ernest SIMS) Group Art Unit: 1646
Serial No.: 09/612,921) Examiner: S. Prasad
Filed: July 10, 2000)
For: IL-1 Delta DNA AND POLYPEPTIDES)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 12

In response to the Office Action dated February 27, 2002 (Paper No. 12), the period for response to which has been extended by filing a petition for a three-month extension of time and fee concurrently herewith, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

52. (Amended) A nucleic acid molecule that hybridizes to the nucleic acid molecule of SEQ ID NO:3, wherein the hybridization conditions include 50% formamide and 6XSSC, at 42°C with washing conditions of 60°C, 0.5XSSC, 0.1% SDS, wherein said nucleic acid molecule is at least 90% identical to SEQ ID NO:3, and further wherein the nucleic acid molecule encodes a polypeptide that binds to cells expressing an IL-1 delta receptor.

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